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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90 –
CAF Phase 1, Round 2 Location Identification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 20, 2013, on behalf of its local exchange carrier subsidiaries, FairPoint Communications, Inc. (“FairPoint”) filed its election of Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase I, Round 2 incremental support.¹ FairPoint accepted \$3,311,150 for Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support in 2013 to deploy broadband with a minimum speed of 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream to 1,284 unserved locations by fixed Internet access, and 4,211 locations with low-speed Internet access, for a total of 5,495 locations. Following the challenge process, 644 locations were deemed ineligible, and FairPoint’s CAF Phase I, Round 2 incremental support was reduced to \$2,890,350.

In a filing in this docket on February 23, 2015,² FairPoint reconfirmed the list of locations to be counted toward satisfaction of its deployment obligation, providing census block “FIPS” code, NECA “OCN” company code, Study Area Code (“SAC”), wire center “CLLI” code, and latitude and longitude coordinates for all locations. Construction was required to be completed by January 10, 2017.³

FairPoint completed the required deployment for CAF Phase I, Round 2 on or before January 10, 2017. In a filing in this docket dated June 28, 2016, FairPoint updated location information for one study area (SAC 411835) in Kansas based on improved mapping tools.⁴

¹ See *Connect America Fund*, Report & Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, 28 FCC Rcd 7766 (2013); *reconsideration*, FCC 13-97 (rel. July 16, 2013).

² Letter from Karen Brinkmann, Counsel to FairPoint, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Feb. 23, 2015).

³ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Deadline for Connect America Phase I, Round 2*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 14-1392 (Wireline Competition Bur., rel. Sept. 25, 2014).

⁴ Letter from Ann Morrison, FairPoint Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed June 28, 2016).

These changes corrected latitude and longitude coordinates for 132 locations in the study area, and replaced 31 previously identified locations with new locations, all in the same census blocks that were determined to be eligible for support following the challenge process.

Having further examined the locations submitted for CAF Phase 1 Round 2, FairPoint hereby submits additional clarifications and changes to latitude and longitude coordinates and census blocks in four study areas identified on the attached spreadsheet in Florida, Kansas, New York and Washington states. Specifically:

- 71 of the previously identified locations are being replaced with new locations, all in census blocks deemed eligible following the challenge process. Thus, *no new census blocks will be impacted by the changes submitted.*
- The 71 replacement locations represent the same respective numbers of unserved locations (no broadband at 768/220 kbps) and underserved locations (no broadband at 3 Mbps/768 kbps) as previously submitted by FairPoint, with the exception that one unserved location was replaced by an underserved location in SAC 150078. Total funding for this SAC therefore should be reduced by \$250.

The total locations and eligibility for funding in SACs 1500084, 210339, 411835 and 522412 remain unchanged.

Pursuant to Section 54.312(c)(5) of the Commission's rules, FairPoint hereby certifies that:

- (i) The new locations were not shown as served by fixed broadband at the speeds specified in paragraph (c)(2) or (c)(3) of Section 54.312 provided by any entity other than a FairPoint affiliate on the then-current version of the National Broadband Map;
- (ii) To the best of FairPoint's knowledge, the new locations were, in fact, unserved by fixed Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream, or 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream, as appropriate, at the time of build-out;
- (iii) FairPoint's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment obligation;
- (iv) Incremental support for these locations was not used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation; and
- (v) FairPoint has undertaken due diligence to determine the locations in question were not within the service area of either Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program projects that would provide Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 upstream.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Ann Morrison

Enclosure

cc: Mark Sweeney, Vice President, USAC High-Cost Program
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